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In re Application of:

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For: BIOSYNTHESIS OF MEDIUM CHAIN
LENGTH
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATES

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: M. Schmidt

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 6, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2000 for which the date for response is January 6, 2001.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2508/MOBT191/KAM.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner imposed a three-way restriction requirement, as follows:

Group	Claims	Drawn to
I	1-24 & 133	fusion polypeptides and polyhydroxyalkanoate compositions
II	25-81	gene nucleic acid compositions and recombinant vector compositions
III	82-132	recombinant host cell and genetically transformed plant compositions, methods of making transformed host cells and genetically transformed plants for expression of fusion-protein and polyhydroxyalkanoate compositions

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 82-132, *i.e.*, the Group III claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 787- 1438 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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